

Rain Barrel Event—May 14, 2011



A Rain Barrel event will be held on May 14th 2011 outside DPW yard on Franey Road. You will need to order a rain barrel from www.nerainbarrel.com in advance.

Having a rain barrel underneath your downspout will allow you to collect plenty of natural rain water so that you can keep your gardens watered during

the summer. Rain water is great for plants, since it is untreated and free of dissolved materials.

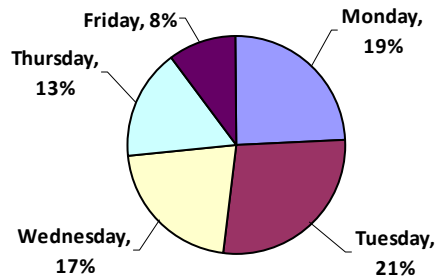
Rain barrel dimension details: 36 inches (3 feet) high and 24 inches (2 feet) in diameter. They hold up to 55 gallons of water; and when full, they weigh 440 pounds.

Energy Efficiency Retrofit

To take advantage of NStar's Energy Efficiency programs including rebates on several products, visit www.nstar.com or review the information in your utility bill.

Solar Panels and Green Roofs present exciting opportunities to save energy and reduce your carbon footprint. Before installing a Solar Panel or Green Roof, please visit City's Inspectional Service Division (ISD) at 1 Franey Road to understand the permitting process as required by the Massachusetts Building Code.

Recycling rate in your area



Somerville, MA

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Somerville, MA 02145



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Yard Waste Pickup Schedule 2011

Mayor's Message

Fellow Somerville Residents:

Welcome to the 2011 City of Somerville Environmental Service Guide.

This guide contains important information about the programs that the city offers to our residents. From recycling and trash collection to Household Hazardous Waste days, the City of Somerville is partnering with you to keep our city Healthy, Clean and Green.

During 2010, the City launched an exciting new pilot program - Single Stream Recycling. 1300 Somerville households have had access to this program and it has been a resounding success, with the recycling rate for the pilot area increasing by over 60%. Building on this success, we are planning the launch of Single Stream Recycling city-wide within the next year. More information will follow on this exciting initiative.

The City is also planning to hold the annual Somerville Spring Clean-Up Day on April 30th. This event gives Somerville residents a chance to be outdoors, help clean up our neighborhoods and enjoy the company of our neighbors. Stay tuned to the City's website for more information and I hope to see you there.

Thank you for taking the time to read the 2011 Environmental Service Guide. Together we can make Somerville a better place to live.

Sincerely,



Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

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- Yard waste will be picked up curbside on your regular trash pickup days for the highlighted weeks above.
- Yard waste must be kept in paper bags or barrels marked with "yard waste only" stickers. These stickers are available FREE of charge from DPW customer service and Constituent Services—311 at City Hall.
- Yard waste may also be dropped off at the DPW yard, Monday– Friday, 8:00AM—4:00PM, year round. PLASTIC BAGS will NOT be accepted. Bushes and tree limbs must be cut and tied in bundles that are not more than 3 feet in length for both pick up and drop-off.
- Highlighted second Saturdays represent Household Hazardous Waste Days at Franey Road, DPW Yard between 9:00 AM – 12 Noon. (This service is available only during designated days and HHW can not be accepted on any other day).

Household hazardous waste services (Second Saturday of April—November, 9:00 AM—12 Noon at DPW yard).

- City residents only with a utility bill or driver's license showing an address in Somerville. No businesses or rental property owners.
- Accepted material at HHW days: paints, thinners, cleaners, motor oil, antifreeze, mercury thermometers, car batteries, compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs and rechargeable batteries.
- PLASTIC/TRASH BAGS ARE NOT ALLOWED DUE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A SPILL

Televisions or computer monitors will be picked up on curbside. Pick up must be scheduled by calling 311. (For residents only).

Household furniture disposal: Maximum 2 items per week can be

The following environmental services available with proof of residency at DPW during normal business hours (Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM): All payments must be made by Check or Money Order only.

No charge Recycling Bins: One per household

65 Gallons Recycling Carts: Suitable for businesses or multifamily houses available at \$60 per cart

\$25 White Good Sticker for refrigerators, dishwashers, washing machines, dryers, cooking ovens, air conditioners, and hot water heaters

Compost Bin ("Earth Machine") for backyard composting of yard waste available at \$40.00

Holiday Schedule 2011–2012 Trash/Recycling Pickup delayed by one day:

Apr 18, May 30, Jul 4, Sept 5, Oct 10, Nov 11, Nov 24, Dec 26 for 2011 and Jan 16, Feb 20 for 2012